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1. ALTHOUGH THE DIFFERENCE IS NOT NOTICEABLE, PANAMA IS, FOR THE NONCE, WITHOUT A CENSORSHIP LAW. LAW 343, THE CENSORSHIP AND LIBEL LAW, WAS ABROGATED BY LAW 7 OF 1978, ISSUED BY THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF LEGISLATION ON FEBRUARY 10. THE PORTIONS OF LAW 343 DEALING WITH LIBEL WERE REPLACED BY LAW 8, ALSO OF FEBRUARY 10. APPARENTLY THE WRINKLES IN NEW CENSORSHIP LEGISLATION, WHICH IS STILL "UNDER STUDY", HAVE YET TO BE IRONED OUT, BUT IN THE MEANTIME IT SEEMS TO BE BUSINESS AS USUAL AS FAR AS THE MEDIA ARE CONCERNED.

2. AS REPORTED REFTEL, DRAFT REVISIONS OF BOTH THE CENSORSHIP AND LIBEL LEGISLATION WERE ANNOUNCED LAST DECEMBER. WITH A FEW MINOR CHANGES, LAW 8, "CONCERNING THE CRIMES OF LIBEL AND SLANDER," IS THE SAME AS THE DRAFT VERSION.
A COPY OF THE SPANISH-LANGUAGE TEXTS OF BOTH LAW 7
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AND LAW 8 WILL BE PROVIDED TO ARA/PAN AND TO
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